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LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF COPRA THROUGH NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government through National Agriculture Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) proposes to purchase Copra in collaboration with Kerala Government by investing 50 per cent respectively;

(b) if so, whether any proposal of the Government to implement the same system in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Copra is one of the commodity for which Minimum Support Price (MSP) is declared by Government. Copra is procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), as a Central Agency, under Price Support Scheme (PSS) as and when prices fall below the MSP. Losses, if any, are borne 100% by the Government of India. The procurement is continued till the prices are stabilized. The scheme is applicable throughout the country.